



Action Item # 5854/19
Docket Date: May 22, 2019

City of Newport
REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

To: Mayor Jamie P. Bova & Members of the City Council
From: Joseph J. Nicholson, Jr., Esq., City Manager
Date: May 14, 2019
Subject: Ordinance Amendment Chapter 2.120.010 – General Fee Schedule-Easton’s Beach
Staff Presentation: William R. Riccio, Jr., P.E., Director of Public Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Public Services recommends updating the Easton’s Beach Amenities Fee Schedule which was last modified in 2010 with an effective date of July 1, 2019. The recommended fee schedule has the support of the Newport Beach Commission and is expected to increase revenues in an approximate amount of \$120,760.00.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The revisions to existing fees and implementation of new fees charged by the City of Newport for facilities and amenities provided at Easton’s Beach, effective July 1, 2019, are expected to generate an additional \$120,760 annually and are warranted and appropriate based on comprehensive review, fee studies and cost analyses of services provided by the Department of Public Services.

Beach Parking: Beach Parking fees are per entry, per day, as overnight parking is not allowed at the beach parking lots. Offering a “not to exceed” is currently within the ordinance, but we are recommending increasing the fee limit to be comparable to Sachuest Beach, from which we receive a majority of their overflow when they fill on weekends.

Holiday Rates around 4th of July: It is proposed to increase the daily fee for weekdays falling between weekends immediately preceding and following July 4. The proposed holiday rate is the highest weekend daily rate at each lot, with increased rates for motorcycles, moped and buses on these days.

Bus Parking: We are recommending raising the fee to continue with this practice to not only increase revenue when they do want to park, but also to discourage them from parking in the public parking lots at the beaches as the buses have difficulty navigating the parking lots when the lots are near or at capacity.

Seasonal Sticker: Easton’s Beach offers a seasonal beach parking sticker for use in West Parking Lot #1 and East Parking Lot #3. We recommend an increase to the beach sticker pass fee to be more consistent with beaches in the vicinity, but just below Sachuest Beach current seasonal rates in order to retain our current clientele.

Bath Houses: Easton’s Beach has 225 seasonal bath houses available for seasonal rental. It is recommended that the Bath House fees increase to help offset costs for maintenance upkeep. The Bath Houses are 30 years old, in need of new roofing, significant lattice/trim work and painting. In addition, we are recommending eliminating the Newport County Resident Discount and offer a resident rate, a resident senior rate, a non-resident rate, and non-resident senior rate. This will be less confusing for patrons and time consuming for staff when determining each individual’s bath house package.

The removal of two beach fees, Resident Private Parking (\$95 per year) and Nonresident Private Parking (\$135 per year), will allow for safe and efficient control of the parking lots, especially during busy weekends and holidays. These standalone (without a bath house attached) hangtags are creating additional demand outside of our control, creating overuse of the reserved parking lot, which is detrimental to the day to day revenue opportunities of the public parking lots, by expanding the reserved parking lot into the public parking lot.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE ACTION

n/a

FISCAL IMPACT

Currently Budgeted Requires additional appropriation No Fiscal Impact

The fee schedule changes are estimated to increase revenues by an approximate amount of \$120,760.00 annually.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Ordinance

Attachment A – FY20 Fee Revisions Proposed Fee Schedule

Attachment B – 2019 Beach Comparison

Letter of Support – Newport Beach Commission

Finance Dept. Review: 5/15/19 Date By: ds (if applicable)

CITY OF NEWPORT
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NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE TWO OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, REVISION OF 1994, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED, "ADMINISTRATION."

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Newport:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.120 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newport, Revision of 1994, as amended, entitled, "**General Fee Schedule**," is hereby further amended, as follows:

2.120.010. - Fees for permits and licenses.

The following fees for permits and licenses issued by the city are established:

	DELETE	ADD IN LIEU THEREOF	
Resident bathhouses	\$ 175.00	250.00	season
Age 65 and older	150.00	200.00	season
Resident private parking	95.00	per-year	
Resident, bathhouse and private parking	225.00	350.00	per year

Age 65 and older	200.00	300.00	per year
Resident parking stickers	40.00	50.00	season
Age 65 and older	25.00	30.00	season
-Newport County resident bathhouses	225.00	season	
—Age 65 and older	200.00	season	
-Newport County resident private parking	135.00	per-year	
-Newport County resident, bathhouse and private parking	325.00	per-year	
—Age 65 and older	300.00	per-year	
Nonresident bathhouses	325.00	500.00	season
Age 65 and older	300.00	400.00	season
-Nonresident private parking	135.00	per-year	
Nonresident, bathhouse and private parking	425.00	700.00	per year

	Age 65 and older	400.00	600.00	per year
	Nonresident parking stickers	80.00	100.00	season
	Age 65 and older	45.00	60.00	season
	Daily parking			
	Weekdays — not to exceed	10.00	15.00	per day
	Weekends and holidays — not to exceed	20.00	25.00	per day
	Weekdays falling between weekends immediately preceding and following July 4 (excluding July 4)	10.00	25.00	per day
	Weekdays falling between weekends immediately preceding and following July 4			
	Bus parking			
	Weekdays	20.00	40.00	per day
	Weekends	40.00	80.00	per day
	Weekends /Holidays			
	Daily bathhouse rental	20.00	per day	DELETE
	Bathhouse guest	3.00	5.00	per day

Additional adults per bathhouse (no more than four adults per bathhouse)	60.00	75.00	per year
Children	10.00	20.00	per year
Motorcycles and mopeds			
Weekdays	4.00	5.00	per day
Weekends and holidays	5.00	10.00	per day
Resident pass	10.00	per year	
Nonresident pass	20.00	per year	

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

IN COUNCIL
 READ AND PASSED

 Laura C. Swistak
 City Clerk

Attachment A
FY20 Fee Revisions New Fees

TYPE OF FEE	CURRENT FEE CURRENT FEES	LAST CHANGED	PROPOSED FEE	ADDITIONAL REVENUE
Daily Parking				
Weekdays	not to exceed \$10 per day		not to exceed \$15 per day	\$73,110
Weekends	not to exceed \$20 per day		not to exceed \$25 per day	\$13,375
Holidays	not to exceed \$20 per day		not to exceed \$25 per day	\$49,185
Weekdays falling between weekends immediately preceeding and following July 4 (excluding July 4)	\$10 per day	FY10	not to exceed \$25 per day	\$5,000
Motorcycle (weekday)	\$4 per day		\$5	\$5,000
Motorcycle (weekend/holiday)	\$5 per day		\$10	\$50
Reserved Parking				
Resident	\$95 for season		Do Not Offer	(\$2,805)
Non-Resident	\$135 for season		Do Not Offer	(\$810)
Bus Parking				
Weekdays	\$20 per day		\$40 per day	\$1,200
Weekends/Holidays	\$40 per day		\$80 per day	\$400
Seasonal Stickers				
Resident Parking Sticker	\$40		\$50	\$800
Non-Resident Parking Sticker	\$80		\$100	\$13,110
Senior Resident Parking Sticker	\$25	FY10	\$30	\$4,550
Senior Non-Resident Parking Sticker	\$45		\$60	\$2,920
Resident Motorcycle /Moped	\$10		\$10	\$2,145
Non-Resident Motorcycle /Moped	\$20		\$20	\$3,495
Bathhouses				
Resident Bath House	\$175		\$250	N/A
Newport County Bath House	\$225		\$0	N/A
Non Resident Bath House	\$325		\$500	\$27,325
Senior Resident Bath House	\$150		\$200	\$750
Senior Newport County Bath House	\$200		\$0	\$0
Senior Non Resident Bath House	\$300		\$400	\$1,000
Resident Bath House with Private Parking	\$250		\$350	\$6,000
Newport County Bath House with Private Parking	\$350	FY10	\$0	\$0
Non Resident Bath House with Private Parking	\$450		\$700	\$6,250
Senior Resident Bath House with Private Parking	\$225		\$300	\$5,625
Senior Newport County Bath House with Private Parking	\$325		\$0	\$0
Senior Non Resident Bath House with Private Parking	\$425		\$600	\$4,375
Bath House Guest	\$3		\$5	\$500
Additional Adults per Bath House	\$60		\$75	\$375
Additional Children per Bath House	\$10		\$20	\$200
Parking Lot Agreement				
West Lot #1	\$1,000 per day	Not an Ordinance	up to \$2,000 per day	\$8,820
Center Lot #2	\$1,000 per day		up to \$2,000 per day	\$8,820
East Lot #3	\$1,000 per day		up to \$2,000 per day	\$120,760

Attachment B
2019 Beach Comparison

Name	Resident Daily	Non Res Daily	Weekend/Holiday Resident	Weekend/Holiday Non Res	Seasonal Res	Seasonal Non Res	Seasonal 65 older Res	Seasonal 65 older NR	Motorcycle Resident	Motorcycle Non Resident	Bus Weekday	Bus Weekend
Newport	\$10	\$10	\$20	\$20	\$40	\$80	\$25	\$45	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$40
Middletown	\$15	\$15	\$25	\$25	\$70	\$140	\$65	\$130	\$30	\$60		
DELM	\$6	\$12	\$7	\$14	\$30	\$60	\$15	\$30			\$40	\$40
South Kingstown	\$10	\$20	\$15	\$25	\$50	\$90	\$25	\$25			\$50	
Narragansett	\$10		\$15		\$50		62+ Free					
Jamestown	\$15				\$15							
Charlestown	\$20		\$20		\$50	\$100	\$25	\$50				
Bristol	\$3	\$6	\$5	\$10	\$10						\$40	\$40
Westerly	\$15		\$25-\$40		\$70		\$45					
Tiverton	No fee	\$5/\$10	\$10/\$15								\$25	\$25

May 8, 2019

Mayor Jamie Bova & Members of the Newport City Council
Newport City Hall
43 Broadway
Newport, RI 02840

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

On May 1, 2019, Erik Reis, Recreation Administrator and Lenka Capek, Recreation Program Supervisor, presented the Newport Beach Commission with proposed fee changes at Easton's Beach. The Newport Beach Commission voted unanimously in support of the proposed increase in beach parking fees and restructuring bathhouse fees. The increase in fees is warranted given that the fees have not been raised since FY2010. With the proposed increase it will help Easton's Beach remain competitive with the other beaches in the area.

The Newport Beach Commission is pleased to support this proposal because we feel that it is beneficial to us and to the City of Newport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Wright".

Charles Wright
Chairman, Newport Beach Commission